



HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to the second half of term and hope that your children had an enjoyable half term break. The pupils have all returned in good spirits and there has been a pleasant buzz about the school this week as the pupils have thrown themselves back into life at Town Close like a vibrant fireworks display (especially in the case of Lime Tree Class who completed their woodland run fundraiser this week to raise money for two bee hives – well done!)

One of my highlights at the start of this week was welcoming back a group of former Town Close pupils who hadn't visited the school since they left as boarders a number of years ago. It was great to hear their stories of what life was like at Town Close then and a privilege to show them around the Town Close of today – a balanced blend of a proud past environment with an education fit for modern life. It is my hope that during my time at the school we can build greater links with pupils, parents and friends of the school from years gone by so that they can continue to feel part of and contribute to this incredible school community.

On the note of school community, it was great to be able to officially open the Year 8 Common Room this week – something that our most senior pupils have been looking forward to. This room gives Year 8 a space to socialise, interact with each other and enjoy some much needed downtime to complement their busy programme of studies and co-curricular commitments – something which we hope will enhance their final year at the School and help to prepare them for life after Town Close. It is my intention to very much ensure that the experience of pupils at the top of the school is carefully considered to ensure that they leave Town Close not only fully prepared for whatever the future has in store for them but also looking back on their time at Town Close as fondly as possible. On this note, I would like to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that there will be an opportunity at the Year 6 Parents' Evening next week to join me at one of three forums to gather your thoughts on what you would most value from the Year 7 and 8 experience at Town Close. There will be further opportunities in due course to hear from other year groups on this matter amongst others.

Next week we look forward to our annual Remembrance Assembly on Monday and to celebrating Odd Socks Day on Tuesday, alongside what I sure will be a typically busy but brilliant week at Town Close.

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